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Criminal Justice 1/25/1983 Letters to Leland supporting release of Robert Salazar

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CITY OF HOUSTON

Post Office Box 1562 Houston, Texas 77251

Kathryn J. Whitmire, Mayor

*Geo. J. Leland
handle this.
Paul*

Lucy Ortiz
Secretary to the Mayor

Office of the Mayor 713/222-3141

January 21, 1983

JAN 25 1983
RECEIVED JAN 31 1983

The Honorable Mickey Leland
Congressman
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mickey:

My brother's case was voted on this week in Huntsville by two
Parole Commissioners.

Parole Commissioner Jackson, the Commissioner
assigned to Robert's case voted in his favor

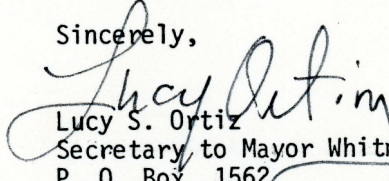
Parole Commissioner Coleman did not because
he did not believe Robert had served time
enough for the crimes he has committed

I spoke with each Commissioner over the telephone today and they
tell me the decision will be made in Austin and more than likely
Mr. Torres will have the deciding vote. A call (512+475-3675)
or letter to Mr. Torres on our behalf would be greatly appreciated.

We the family of Robert Benavides really feel he has served time
enough and are ready and willing to help him in any way we can.

Your help in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Lucy S. Ortiz
Secretary to Mayor Whitmire
P. O. Box 1562
Houston, Texas 77251
222-4455 - office
376-8453 - home

January 15, 1983

Connie Jackson
Chairwoman

George Killinger
Member

Ruben Torres
Member
Board of Pardon and Paroles
P. O. Box 13401
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Robert Salazar Benavides/TDC Number: 341584/Ellis Unit

Dear Board Members:

We the family of Robert Salazar Benavides respectfully request an appointment to appear before the board so we might express to the board in person our deep concern for Robert and our sincere desire to assist him in what ever way we can so he might gain an early parole.

Robert Benavides was initially incarcerated on 07/27/82 and began serving his sentence at the Ellis Unit on 09/01/82. He was assigned to the Ellis Unit by request since it was his desire to continue to work at his trade as an electrician. He is presently assigned to the construction crew at Ellis and holds the classification of Trustee Third Class. It is our understanding that Robert has been classified as a Trustee working at one job or another since his initial incarceration.

We have made a special effort to keep in touch with Robert since his arrest because it is our sincere belief Robert is a reformed individual. Robert did make some mistakes but he had become a productive citizen and a contributing member of society prior to his arrest. We believe he is capable of returning to society and doing this once again. Robert has the electrical job he had prior to his arrest waiting for him once he is released and his boss is just as eager to have Robert back at his job as Robert is to be back.

We believe the time Robert has served to date compensates society for his mistakes. Since conditions at the Texas Department of Corrections are such that detention at their facilities does more harm to an individual than it does good, it is our sincere hope that the Board will look favorably on Robert's good record and consider him for an early parole.

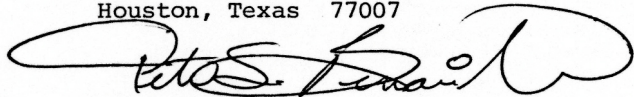
Board of Pardon and Paroles
January 15, 1983
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An opportunity to appear before you in person would be greatly appreciated.

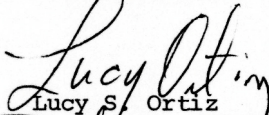
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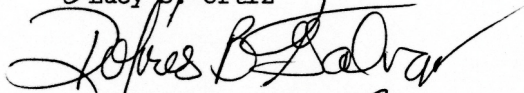
Pete G. Benavides
5631 Kiam
Houston, Texas 77007



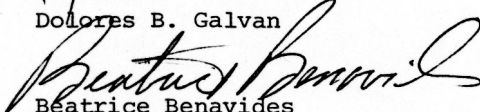
Pete S. Benavides



Lucy S. Ortiz



Dolores B. Galvan



Beatrice Benavides

LSO

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Mickey Leland, Congressman
The Honorable Al Luna, State Representative
The Honorable Roman Martinez, State Representative
The Honorable Ben T. Reyes, Council Member, City of Houston
Leonel J. Castillo

Saint Theresa Church
6622 Haskell
Houston, Texas 77007

29 December 1982

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles

Re: Robert S. Benavides
 #341584
 Ellis Unit
 Huntsville, Tx. 77340

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Pedro Benavides, the father of the aboved named inmate, a long time member of our church, is very concerned regarding the possibility of a favorable parole of his son. Mr. Benavides has tried to be a loving and understanding father and is so in hopes of having his son home as soon as possible. He continues to be willing to assist Robert with supervision and a family atmosphere at home.

Should we be of any assistance in working with Robert Benavides we will certainly attempt to do so.

Sincerely,

Father Rodney Poythress

Fr. Rodney Poythress
 Pastor

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, *Fr. Rodney Poythress* in and for said County, Texas, on this day personally appeared known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 21st day of January,
 A.D. 1983.

RP/bb

Geraldine M. Taylor
 Notary Public in and for
Harris County, Texas

GERALDINE M. TAYLOR
 My Notary Public Commission
 Expires 5/13/84

January 14, 1983

Texas Board of Pardons & Parole
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am a Naval Veteran of World War II, have been election Judge of Pct. 71, Harris County, 31 years, President of the Cottage Grove Civic Club for 20 years, past Cub Scout Master of Troup 229 in Harris County, Houston, Texas.

I have known the Pete Benavides family for a long time and they are hard working and civic minded people. Their son, Robert Benavides got involved with wrong company and as a result is now serving time at the Ellis Unit. Mr. Pete Benavides has been in close touch with him and says his son is a changed young man. He wants to get out of prison and make up the heart aches he has caused his family.

Robert has a job waiting for him at Simmon's Electric Co. here in Houston. He will live with his parents who will supervise him.

I believe this young man can return to the free world be a law abiding citizen. I sincerely wish you would consider his case when it comes before you.

Sincerely Yours,

Barvin I. Smith
Barvin I. Smith
5635 Kansas St.
Houston, Texas 77007

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, *Barvin I. Smith*, in and for said County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Barvin I. Smith, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 21st day of January, A.D. 1983.

Geraldine M. Taylor
Geraldine M. Taylor
Notary Public in and for
Harris County, Texas

GERALDINE M. TAYLOR
My Notary Public Commission
Expires 5/13/84

SIMMONS ELECTRIC CO.


1/3/83

Ref: Robert S. Benavides #341584
Texas Board of Pardon & Parole

Robert S. Benavides was an employee for Simmons Electric Co., Inc. as a foreman from 7/8/80 to 7/30/82. He has run numerous jobs for us and has always been dependable and capable.

Robert is well liked and respected by us and our customers. He is always available when needed to work overtime including Saturdays and Sundays. Therefore, Roberts position at Simmons Electric will always be available.

Respectfully,



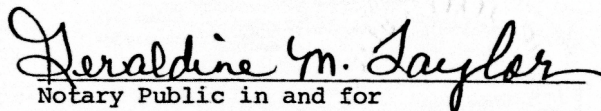
Mike Simmons, President
Simmons Electric Co., Inc.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Mike Simmons known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 21st day of January, A.D. 1983.



Notary Public in and for

Harris County, Texas

GERALDINE M. TAYLOR

My Notary Public Commission

Expires 5/13/84

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